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For. **METHOD OF DEAMIDATION OF MILK PROTEIN AND METHOD OF DENATURATION OF MILK PROTEIN**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Title** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.